

**FAIRFAX FORUM**

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**Saturday December 17, 2016 8AM—11AM**

**Adults \$5, Children 12 and under FREE**

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# Fairfax Forum

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**Village of Fairfax**  
**www.fairfaxoh.com**

**ECC Meeting -**  
**December 12th, 7pm**  
**Council Meeting -**  
**December 19th, 7:30pm**  
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R.G. Cribbet Recreation Hall rental, Community Room rental, Ziegler Park Picnic Shelter reservations, Ziegler Park soccer field use permits.  
Call Chandra Buswell, Rec. Dept. Supervisor :  
568-4820 or email at chandrabuswell@yahoo.com

We hope you enjoy this issue of the Fairfax Forum which is published by the Village of Fairfax monthly for the residents and businesses in our village.

Articles and photographs are welcomed. Please contact Chandra Buswell for more information. Photos will not be returned. Due to limited space, the editorial staff reserves the right to select and edit articles for both content and space.

Chandra Buswell  
568-4820  
Jenny Kaminer 527-6503  
fairfaxforum@yahoo.com  
Jan. deadline - Dec. 20th

## LIGHT UP FAIRFAX

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH, 2016 @ 4:00 PM**  
**FAIRFAX MUNICIPAL BUILDING**  
**5903 HAWTHORNE STREET**

**Bring your family for a holiday celebration!**  
Treats and Hot Chocolate

Christmas Caroling ~ Crafters from 4-8pm  
Horse drawn carriage rides throughout the Village  
\*Please sign up in the Rec Center for your family's ride

A visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus in SantaLand  
Kids – bring your letters to Santa! A special mailbox will be on hand!

**RESIDENTS -** Could you please help us make this event extra special by bringing with you 1-2 dozen cookies? Thank you in advance!

## Seventh Annual Family Bowling Day

**January 29th ~ 2:00pm to 4pm**

**@ Madison Bowl**

4761 Madison, Cincinnati, OH 45227

To sign up for the two games of the day email:  
chandrabuswell@yahoo.com or jkaminer@fairfaxoh.org  
\$8 per person.

This is a family friendly event that is intended for all bowling skill levels.

There will be trophies and split the pot.

\*Lanes of 4-5 players. Small numbers may be put together.



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TAX TIPS AND TOPICS

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*The purpose of this article is to provide you with a quick overview of Village of Fairfax Earnings Tax Requirements. Not all regulations/policies can be covered here.*

2016 Tax Returns Due Date Extended to April 18, 2017

Village of Fairfax 2016 Tax Return due date is **April 18, 2017**, (Tuesday) to comply with a change in the due date for Federal and State Tax Returns. All 2016 Tax is due 4-18-17, to avoid penalty and interest, even if you have an extension to file your return.

**ALL RESIDENTS “18 YEARS OR OLDER” MUST FILE** a tax return with the Village of Fairfax, even if no tax is due. This includes those who rent. Taxes are based on an individual's earned income. Owners of “rental property” must also file a return to report profit or loss.

- 1) You must submit W-2’s, 1099Misc. forms, Schedule E, Schedule C and/or other income statements (interest, dividends and retirement income are NOT taxed by Fairfax; also “unemployment compensation” is exempt).
- 2) Credit for tax paid to other “city” is allowed up to our rate of 1.75% (County tax is not a credit). Details for filing the 2016 Fairfax Tax Return in January 2017 Forum or go to Village website, [www.fairfaxoh.org](http://www.fairfaxoh.org).

OBTAINING FORMS:

- 1) Tax forms and instructions are on our Website, [www.fairfaxoh.org](http://www.fairfaxoh.org)
- 2) 2) Forms also are available in the lobby of the Municipal Building 9:00AM – 5:00 PM Monday – Friday.
- 3) 3) In January of each year tax forms are mailed to registered residents and businesses in the Village. **Not receiving a form does not excuse anyone from filing a tax return.**

**REGISTRATION:** *If you are a new resident or moved since filing your last tax return, you must register by mail or phone (Tax Office 513-527-6506). Give name, address, SS# and date moved in. If registering by phone, please spell all names.*  
**HOURS: 8:30AM to 5:00PM, Mon. – Fri.** (lunch 12:30 – 2:00) Appts.5 –6:00PM

**\*\*Important Reminders \*\***

The 4th quarter 2016 estimated tax is due 12-15-16.  
Estimated tax is required if you expect to owe \$200.00 or more for your 2016 Tax. If you do not pay 90% of your 2016 estimated that is \$200.00 or more, by January 1, 2017 you are subject to penalty and interest.

Quarterly estimated 2017 tax payments are required when 2017 estimated tax is \$200.00 or more. This is determined by amount of tax due after credit for withholding expected to be paid to the Village of Fairfax and credit for taxes paid to another municipality (if applicable) have been applied. See bottom portion of tax return.

The quarterly estimated tax due dates

- First Quarter:** remains due on the April filing deadline. The filing deadline for the tax year 2016 Return is April 18, 2017 due to the Emancipation Day Holiday in Washington, D.C.
- Second Quarter:** due June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017
- Third Quarter:** due September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017
- Fourth Quarter:** due by December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017

2016 Interest and Penalty

**Interest,** 0.5% per month or part of a month, charged on unpaid tax; and on any estimated tax not paid by the following Jan. 31, each year.

**Penalty,** 15% per month or part of a month, charged on unpaid tax; and on any estimated tax not paid by the following Jan. 31, each year.

**Late filing fee,** \$25.00 per month, up to \$150.00 for each return.

2016 Minimum Payment/Refund

Amounts of \$10.00 or less will not be collected or refunded. If you round off one amount, you must round all amounts entered on a return.

- Other Reminders:**
- 1) Credit Cards are now accepted for Tax Payments. To register your credit card the person whose name is on the credit card must come into the tax office with the credit card and driver’s license or other photo ID. This is a onetime requirement to ensure security. After credit card information is verified, payments will be accepted by phone during regular hours.
- 2) Make an estimated tax payment now to avoid owing a large amount in April. Estimated tax is based on the prior year’s tax. Call the Tax Office if you need help calculating your estimated tax. Ph. 527-6506 M-F 8:30 to 5:00 (exceptions on recorder)
- 3) File your return early to avoid late filing fees.
- 4) Husband and wife can file a joint return for Fairfax regardless of how they file their State and Federal Returns. (If wife uses her maiden name, indicate that on the form.)
- 5) The Tax Department has a “after hours drop box” for forms and payments (no cash). It is at the side door in the driveway between the Municipal Bldg. and the Recreation Bldg.

Extensions

A request for an extension of a 2016 tax return must be submitted to the municipal tax office on or before the filing deadline of April 18, 2017. The extension does NOT extend the date for payment of your 2016 tax. Taxes estimated to be due for 2016 (at least 90%) need to be paid by 4-18-17 or a late payment penalty plus interest can be charged.

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Attention High School Seniors Needing Service Hours

You can gain service hours helping in the Village Tax Department, folding and stuffing tax forms for mailing. We need 1-2 persons who would be available in mid-December to help on 2-3 days, after school until 5:00PM. Call 513-527-6506 if you are interested.



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FROM THE  
MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

527-6508

The Maintenance Department will be starting leaf pick up now that Fall is underway. For any new residents in the Village, you can rake your leaves to the curb in front of your homes. The Maintenance Department will be out daily picking up leaf piles. Please remember that your street may not get picked up each day. Depending on the amount of leaves put out, Maintenance will get as much as they can in a day and then pick up where they left off the next day until they get to every street. Leaves will be picked up through the month of November. If you still have leaves in December, residents can bag any remaining leaves and put them out for trash pick-up on Tuesday.

Those residents who have live Christmas trees may put them on the curb Monday-Friday after the holidays until the end of the second week of January. The Maintenance Department will pick up the tree and put it through the chipper to use as mulch in various areas of the Village.

Recreation  
Department  
Activities

Preschool  
Playgroup

Children 0-6 years  
and their parents.  
Fairfax Rec Center on Thurs-  
day mornings from  
9:30am - 11:00am.  
5903 Hawthorne Ave.  
Hosted by the Village of  
Fairfax and the Mariemont  
Preschool Parents Group.

ZUMBA!

Every Thursday 6pm

Fairfax Rec. Center

Only \$5 a class!

[www.zumba.com](http://www.zumba.com).



Join us each month at 7:30pm in the Fairfax Rec Center. 5903 Hawthorne Ave.

Books are reserved at the Mariemont library at least a month before each discussion date.

Feel free to bring a beverage and a snack.

**December 20th**—*Truly, Madly, Guilty* by Liane Moriarty

**January 17th**—*What She Knew* by Gilly Macmillan

**February 21st**—*Millers Valley* by Anna Quindlen

**March 21st**—*Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult

**April 18th**—*A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman

Best Decorated  
House Contest

Be one of the best holiday decorated houses

in Fairfax and you could win a

\$25 gift certificate....well,

and some bragging rights.

The voting will be done on December 20th

and the winner will be announced

in the January Forum.

This contest is meant to be fun and

light hearted

to help create the holiday spirit.

We look forward to seeing Fairfax glow

with holiday cheer!

Kiwanis Holiday Nut Sale in Full Swing

The Kiwanis Club of Mariemont has kicked off its annual nut sale fundraiser, will all proceeds benefiting local scholarships. Just in time for the holidays, their large variety of offerings are great for family or client gifts, or just snacking at home! Cashews, mixed nuts, and a variety of chocolate covered offerings are perfect for any occasion.

“Our annual nut sale has grown bigger and bigger each year,” said Chairman David Peterson, “We have a blast being involved with the school concerts and really appreciate them letting us be a part of that. It’s gotten to the point where people expect us to be there and look forward to it, which is great to see.”

This year’s fundraiser which once again feature \$10 containers and \$5 bags, including their newest item, chocolate covered raisins. “Every year we get a few requests for other products. We tried several out last year that were a hit, so we’re happy to bring those back. We try to have a good variety for the non-nut crowd as well.”

Once again, the Kiwanis Club will have nuts available at all school concerts as well as several local businesses including Mac’s Pizza Pub and Snappy Tomato Pizza in Fairfax, and Ace Hardware in Mariemont. They can also be purchased at MariElders during regular hours. Orders can be placed by phone contacting David Peterson at 814-598-6235.

The annual nut sale is the club’s holiday fundraiser for local scholarships. Each year, the Kiwanis Club of Mariemont raises nearly \$15,000 for students in Fairfax, Terrace Park and Mariemont through events such as the Art & Craft Fair and spring golf outing. Now in its 51st year, the Kiwanis Club has raised over \$200,000 for local scholarships benefiting nearly 70 students.

The Kiwanis Club of Mariemont meets every Tuesday morning at 7:45 AM in the Mariemont Elementary school cafeteria. A continental breakfast is served at 7:15 AM. Meetings end by 8:30 and always feature a local speaker. We invite you to be our guest an upcoming meeting. For more information visit MariemontKiwanis.org. Follow along on social media via Facebook and Twitter (@MariemontKClub) with #KidsNeedsKiwanis.



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Police Dept.	271-7250
<a href="mailto:jbranson@fairfaxoh.org">jbranson@fairfaxoh.org</a>	
Administrator’s Office	527-6503
<a href="mailto:jkaminer@fairfaxoh.org">jkaminer@fairfaxoh.org</a>	
Clerk’s Office	527-6505
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Recreation Dept.	568-4820
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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

**Solicitation Permits:** Anyone going door to door in the Village must register with the Police Department. If you are unsure about anyone coming to your door, please contact the police department at 271-7250.

**Communicator:** All residents and businesses can be added to the automated communicator system for emergency notifications and community announcements. Please contact the police department at 271-7250 to register.

Rumpke missed pick-ups (Solid Waste or Recycling)

513-742-2900

**Report Street Light or Traffic Light Out** - Jill Kessler, Fairfax P.D. 513-272-9941

**Twig/branch pick up is available on Mondays.** Please remember that piles of yard waste or similar debris must be bundled in 4 foot lengths and bound with twine or placed in a container for easy pick-up. If you have a large amount of yard waste to remove, please contact Joe Huskey in the Maintenance Department at 527-6508. The Village will provide a truck to your residence for you to load up with items and we will dispose of it for you at no charge.



Who is this Dorothy and what has she found? Hi, my name is Wanda Myers and I own Dorothy’s Unique Finds on Wooster Pike. I’ve been open a couple of months now and love the Village of Fairfax and all the people I’ve met!

Dorothy’s is a brick and mortar craft show! We specialize in hand crafted items as well as unique finds. The goods in the shop are made by local crafters as well as a few out of area that are friends and family. The goal of the shop is to give crafters and artists a place to show their goods year

round without having to pack them up and travel the craft show circuit. We have a range of items now, and we are gearing up for the Christmas season. We will be having our Grand Opening on November 26<sup>th</sup>, which also happens to be Small Business Saturday. Please visit the shop and see all the different items we have.

Dorothy’s other goal is to promote Cincinnati. We have Cincinnati mugs, hand crafted just for us. We have etchings on metal of a few Cincinnati landmarks such as Downtown Skyline, Fountain Square, and the Mariemont Bell Tower. We hope to continue this theme with clothing, spirit wear, and more Cincinnati art.

We accept goods on a consignment basis. No fees to put goods into the shop and you can remove them at any time. There is a consignment fee. We have meetings once a month to discuss new happenings, what is next, and just brainstorming! These are not mandatory but this is the vendor’s shop as well as mine and they deserve to give their ideas. We are always looking for handmade and unique items so if you are a crafter, contact us. Our number is 513-271-0804. Our normal hours are 10 am to 4 pm, Wednesday through Saturday.

So, who is this Dorothy we speak of? You’ve probably guessed, she is Dorothy from the Wizard of OZ. My favorite movie of all times and as I have found out, many other folks out there too! She is that little person inside us who is always dreaming of something else but knows that there is no place like home! We are looking forward to meeting you all!!!!

Upcoming Health and Wellness Events



Runners Injury Screening — Thursday, December 15, 5:30pm-7:30pm

*Running is one of the most popular forms of exercise, but can often be limited by nagging injuries. Whether it is back, foot or knee pain, running can be cut short if the underlying cause isn’t addressed. For some, it is a mechanical issue with form, and with others it is a long-standing injury that has worsened over time. Club Physical Therapist Dr. Vic Troha is offering a complimentary running screening. Dr. Troha will help you learn the details of your ailment and determine the best course of action. Registration required; call or visit the Club to reserve your 20-minute appointment at least 24 hours prior to the screening.*

Injury Screening — Tuesday, December 20, 12pm-1:30pm

*Are you having pain or discomfort while lifting weights, running or doing any type of exercise? Do you have an injury tha has limited your ability to perform daily tasks? Club Physical Therapist Dr. Vic Troha will now offer complimentary weekly health screenings for joint, muscular, or neurological pain. Dr. Troha will help you learn the details of your ailment and determine the best course of action. Registration required; call or visit the Club to reserve your 20-minute appointment at least 24 hours prior to the screening.*



To find a physician for your health and wellness needs, visit [www.thechristhospital.com](http://www.thechristhospital.com) or call 513-585-1000.

Fairfax Swim Club Coupon

Fairfax Residents - Take 25% off

2017 Seasonal Membership

(Discount valid thru 5/31/2017)

Call Lee Jean Zech at 513-561-4649 to request a membership packet

This offer is only valid for Fairfax Residents and MAY NOT be used in conjunction with any other promotions or discounts offered by the swim club. This discount can only be taken with seasonal pricing ONLY. No refunds. This coupon is valid through May 31, 2017. Fairfax residents must pay seasonal prices as of June 1, 2017.

This Coupon MUST be presented with your membership application to receive the discount.

1 coupon per household.

**Family** – includes mom, dad, and all siblings age 23 & younger, living together. \$400.00 **Discount price: \$300.00**

**Single** – Age 13 and older. \$175.00 **Discount Price: \$131.25**

**Two-Person** – Two people, who must reside at the same address/one person must be at least 18 years of age. \$275.00 **Discount: \$206.25**

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